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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION REPORT -- APRIL 11-15

1. FONMINS' MEETING: GIVEN MODERATE PRESS PLAY. SAMPLE COMMENTARIES:

(A) COLUMNIST FLACIO DE ALMEIDA SALLES WRITES IN LIBERAL FOLHA DE SAO PAULO: "LATAM AND U.S. BEGIN THIS WEEK THE SECOND PHASE OF 'A NEW DIALOGUE' AND BRAZIL RETURNS TO THE CONVERSATIONS ... WITH A DIFFERENT FONIM ... BUT WITH THE SAME APPROACH IT HAD AT THE TLATELOLCO MEETING: "AS AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT NOT TOTALLY COMMITTED TO ALL THE PROPOSITIONS DISCUSSED IN MEXICO.' ... IN WASHINGTON, BRAZIL WILL BE IN THE SAME DIFFICULT POSITION IT WAS IN MEXICO: BEING ONE OF THE HEMISPHERIC'S MAJOR NATIONS AND BEING IN A MORE FAVORABLE STATE OF DEVELOPMENT, IT ENDS UP BETWEEN THE TWO EXTREME POSITIONS OF THE 'DIALOGUE" -- SOMETIMES SUPPORTING LATAM NATIONS AGAINST THE U.S., AND ALSO OFTEN FULLY UNDERSTANDING THE AMERICANS' ANSWER TO LATAM. BRAZILIAN DIPLOMATS ARE CERTAIN THAT THE AMERICANS WILL INSIST AGAIN ON CREATION OF A HEMISPHERIC COMMUNITY UNDER U.S. LEADERSHIP, AN IDEA PRESENTED BY SECSTATE KISSINGER AND REJECTED IN MEXICO. ... BRAZIL CANNOT ACCEPT HENRY KISSINGER'S IDEAS IN THIS AREA, AS THEY IN EFFECT MEAN THAT WOULD AUTHORIZE THE U.S. TO ACT AS ITS SPOKESMAN IN INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATIONS. AFTER ALL,

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BRAZIL HAS ITS OWN INTERESTS AND CANNOT DELEGATE TO A FOREIGN

COUNTRY THE TASK OF DEFENDING SUCH INTERESTS. THEREFORE, THIS COUNTRY WILL OPPOSE THE AMERICAN IDEA, WHATEVER BE THE LABEL UNDER WHICH IT IS PRESENTED IN WASHINGTON. ..." (APRIL 14).

(B) MANY APRIL 14 PAPERS PUBLISHED WASHINGTON-DATELINED UPI ANALYSIS THAT SAYS LATAM DIPLOMATS EXPECT LITTLE TO RESULT FROM FONMINS' MEETING. STORY ADDS THAT ASSISTANT SECRETARY KUBISCH HAS PRESENTED VARIOUS DRAFT DOCUMENTS TO LATAM AMBASSADORS IN WASHINGTON, TO HAVE THEM ALL REJECTED AS "OLD HAT," POLITICALLY UNACCEPTABLE, OR MEANINGLESS.

2. OAS MEETING: NATIONALISTC DIARIO POPULAR (SAO PAULO) EDITORIAL SAYS THAT PRESIDENT NIXON'S POSSIBLE ADDRESS TO THE OAS ATLANTA MEETING "CAN BE BETTER EXPLAINED AS RELATED TO U.S. DOMESTIC POLITICS RATHER THAN TO U.S. FOREIGN POLICY. NO SUBJECT TO BE DISCUSSED THERE IS SO VITAL AS TO REQUIRE NIXON'S PRESENCE, THOUGH IT IS POSSIBLE THAT HENRY KISSINGER WILL STAGE SOMETHING SPECTACULAR TO IMPROVE THE DAMAGED IMAGE OF HIS BOSS AND FRIEND." AS FOR THE MEETING ITSELF, PAPER SAYS: "... ONE CAN FORESEE THAT IT WILL FOLLOW THE SAME OLD PATTERNS: LATAM NATIONS WILL RENEW THEIR OLD COMPLAINTS, WHILE THE U.S. WILL TRY TO KEEP THE DIALOGUE ON THE QUICKSAND OF PROMISES. ..." (APRIL 15).

3. UNGA MEETING ON RAW MATERIALS AND ENERGY: INFLUENTIAL O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO EDITORIAL HEADLINED "ANOTHER STERILE CONFERENCE" SAYS: "... THE UNGA CONFERENCE ON RAW MATERIALS AND ENERGY FACES THE SERIOUS RISK OF TOTAL FAILURE. FIRST, BECAUSE IT WAS CALLED WITH THE IDEA OF DISGUIISING THE MOST IMPORTANT SUBJECT -- THE QUADRUPLING OF PETROLEUM PRICES;... AND SECOND, BECAUSE ITS ORGANIZERS AND THEIR PROTECTORS, SUCH AS THE SOVIETS AND CHINESE, WILL TRY TO TRANSFORM THE CONFERENCE INTO A INTERNATIONAL SPECTACLE OF CONFRONTATION OF CLASSES BY SETTING THE 'PROLETARIAN' AGAINST THE 'BURGEOISE' NATIONS. ..." (AAPRIL 11).

4. MIDEAST CONFLICT: ISRAELI ATTACK ON LEBANON RECEIVES PROMINENT PRESS PLAY. SAMPLE FRONT-PAGE HEADLINE: PRO-GOB DIARIO DE BRASILIA: "IN RETALIATION, ISRAEL ATTACKS LEBANON." (APRIL 14). CONSERVATIVE O GLOBO (RIO) FRONT-PAGE EDITORIAL SAYS: "... SUCH ACTIONS AS ATTACKS ON UNPROTECTED LEBANESE UNCLASSIFIED

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VILLAGES CAN ONLY DAMAGE THE ISRAELIS' POSITION IN THE MIDEAST CONFLICT. ... MOSHE DAYAN IS PLACING THE JEWISH CAUSE ON THE SAME LEVEL OF IRRATIONALITY AS THE PALESTINIAN GUERRILLA ACTS. ..." (APRIL 15).

5. INTERNATIONAL COFFEE TRADE: COLUMNIST THEOFILO DE ANDRADE WRITES IN CONSERVATIVE DIARIO DE SAO PAULO: "... GOOD SNESE INDICATES THAT THIS IS TIME TO USE THE LONDON INTERNATIONAL

COFFEE ORGANIZATION TO TRY TO OBTAIN RENEWAL OF THE COFFEE AGREEMENT WITH PARTICIPATION OF THE CONSUMERS, ... PREFERABLY IT SHOULD BE AN AGREEMENT DETERMINING ONLY QUOTAS -- NOT PRICES -- WHICH WOULD FUNCTION WITHOUT FRICTIONS AND TO EVERYONE'S PROFIT. THE PSYCHOLOGICAL CONDITIONS NOW ARE EVEN BETTER THAN BEFORE TO MAKE THIS EFFORT, BECAUSE THE PETROLEUM CRISIS SHOWED DEVELOPED NATIONS THAT RAW MATERIALS MUST BE TREATED BETTER -- BECAUSE BETTER TREATMENT, IF NOT RECEIVED, CAN BE DEMANDED UNILATERALLY." (APRIL 12).

6. O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO CARRIES INSIDE REPORT WITH HEADLINE "CONGRESSMEN ASKS FOR AN END TO NUCLEAR POLICY DEPENDENCE," SAYING THAT BRAZILIAN FEDERAL DEPUTIES NINA RIBEIRO AND FARIA LIMA (BOTH FROM GOVERNMENT PARTY) LAST SATURDAY AT THE BRAZILIAN CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES CRITICIZED BRAZILIAN DEPENDENCE IN THE USE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY. PAPER QUOTES DEPUTY NINA RIBEIRO AS SAYING THAT BRAZILIAN BACKWARDNESS IN THIS FIELD "IS A RESULT OF HESITATION WHICH SINCE THE DECADE OF THE 50'S HAVE BEEN RESTRAINING THE COUNTRY TO PLAN PROPERLY ITS NUCLEAR DEVELOPMENT.' ... THE DEPUTY URGED THAT 'INSTEAD OF CONTINUING TO DEPEND ON THE U.S. AND ITS ENRICHED URANIUM,' GOB RESOURCES MUST BE USED TO PLAN MORE MODERN REACTORS THAN THOSE NOW BEING BUILT. ..." (APRIL 14).
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